

Remarks

Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration and allowance are requested in view of the above amendments and the remarks below. These amendments are being made to facilitate early allowance of the presently claimed subject matter. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the objections and rejections and reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application.

Claim 10 has been amended to address the objection of the Examiner.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Bau, III et al. (U.S. 2003/0023957), hereafter "Bau." This rejection is defective because Bau fails to disclose each and every feature of the claims as required by 35 U.S.C. 102(e).

Independent claim 1 recites:

A system for handling a web service call by clients in a communication network comprising:
client requester means for issuing client requests comprising at least one client request to call a web service;
callback web service means coupled to the client requester means for registering the at least one client request to call a web service and for invoking the called web service; and
response web service means coupled to the callback web service means for receiving a response to the at least one client request to call a web service and coupled to the client requester means for delivering the response when a client request to obtain the response is issued from the client requester means.

Regarding independent claim 1, Bau fails to disclose, *inter alia*, “**response web service means** coupled to the callback web service means for receiving a response to the at least one client request to call a web service and coupled to the client requester means **for delivering the response when a client request to obtain the response is issued from the client requester means.**” On the contrary, in Bau, a response to a client request is automatically delivered to a caller by a proxy object when the response becomes available (see, e.g., Bau paragraphs [0058]-[0061], [0074], [0077]; the response is not delivered by a response web service means in response to a client request to obtain the response.

Accordingly, since Bau fails to disclose each and every feature of independent claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 and its corresponding dependent claims are allowable. Applicants further submit that independent claims 7 and 10, any corresponding dependent claims are allowable for reasons similar to those set forth above with regard to independent claim 1.

Applicants submit that each of the pending claims is patentable for one or more additional unique features. To this extent, Applicants do not acquiesce to the Examiner’s interpretation of the claimed subject matter or the references used in rejecting the claimed subject matter. These features have not been separately addressed herein for brevity. However, Applicants reserve the right to present such arguments in a later response should one be necessary.

If the Examiner believes that anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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